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Briefly

Health tests

Cholesterol, level screenings, blood pressure tests and professional consultation on the results will be offered for \$7 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa St.

Blood sugar tests, blood pressure tests and professional consultation are being offered for \$1. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 798-3201.

Mayor forum

The Coalition of Small Businesses and union Granite City employees are sponsoring a mayor's forum Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave.

Ed Schroeder, 1992 national teacher of the year, will be master of ceremonies for the event. The public is invited to attend.

St. Pat party

A St. Patrick's Day party is planned for Wednesday evening by the Singles Connection organization. For directions, persons may call Mary at 345-4825.

Breakfast set

An all-you-can-eat Scouting breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the St. Elizabeth's School cafeteria, Johnson and Pontoon roads, Granite City. The Trails West Boy Scout Council is offering pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage, coffee, orange juice and milk.

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Venice looks back on season

The Venice Red Devils finished with their first losing record under coach Clinton Harris, 11-16, but won the Westlin Class A Regional. Harris now looks to replace three players next season.

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25 years ago

March 12, 1968

Light snow was predicted but area residents awoke to near blizzard conditions with winds up to 50 mph, drifting six inches of snow. A state snow removal vehicle plow blade struck the car of Salvation Army Capt. Harold Thomas and flipped his compact car. Thomas and his 5-year-old daughter were wearing seatbelts and not seriously injured.

Complete network and cable listings

Look for the TV Entertainment book every Thursday in the Granite City Press-Record. For home delivery call 678-2004.

Costello urges cleanup revision

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello has called for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to immediately review and revise its lead cleanup plan for the NL/Taracorp Superfund site in Granite City.

Calling removal of the existing lead pile at 15th and State streets the "highest priority," Costello said the recent discovery of high levels of lead contamination in groundwater near the lead pile, the result of leaching, is clear evidence that the U.S. EPA-based its Record of Decision on faulty data.

"For more than three years, I have been trying to get the U.S. EPA to listen to the valid complaints of local officials. They have been met with strong resistance, as EPA has insisted that their plan was the best plan for the community," Costello said.

"Now, it is clear that the EPA was wrong."

Costello said Friday he supports an independent review of the plan by a committee of experts, as the city has proposed in federal court.

"People with credentials, on both sides of the issue, have come up with contradictory answers. It makes sense to me to turn the issue over to an independent

expert panel to review the situation and come up with some answers," Costello said Friday.

The groundwater contamination appeared in two recent testing series performed on samples from the U.S. EPA's monitoring wells around the site.

Previous tests had not shown any contamination, but EPA officials now say those tests were flawed.

According to the EPA figures, water from eight of the 14 monitoring wells showed levels of lead that exceed the maximum safe level under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

In addition to lead, some of the wells also showed high levels of arsenic, cadmium and chromium.

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Madison schools facing cash crunch

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Madison Community School District 12 is in debt.

The School Board voted 7-0 Thursday night to table a \$625,000 bond proposal that would have allowed the district to pay its bills, but would have required a tax increase.

The School Board decided to delay action on the issue until receiving official notification next week from the State Board of Education that the district will be certified as being in financial difficulty.

School Superintendent Dan Kostencki received a letter March 8 from State



Kostencki

Superintendent Robert Leninger advising the district that Leninger will recommend certified status for the district March 18 because the district has adopted a budget for the past two years in which budgeted expenditures exceed budgeted revenues and reserves.

Once a district is certified as in financial difficulty, it must present a financial plan to the state board for its approval before entering any additional indebtedness.

Kostencki said the district is about \$600,000 in the red, and has already borrowed money against anticipated receipt of 1992 taxes (1993 collection).

"We need to (borrow) money badly. Cash flow is very tight," Kostencki told the Madison board.

"But the state board will tell us we cannot borrow until after a (financial)

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Police board seeks to keep hearing secret

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Fearing newspaper publication, the Granite City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners wants the details of several sessions of a closed hearing to remain a secret.

The hearing ended a three-year battle between Police Chief Don Knight and Police Sgt. John Apperson.

A hearing will be held Wednesday

day in Madison County Circuit Court on a motion by the board.

The motion requests that the sealed transcript of its hearing in August and September 1992 remain sealed. The hearing resulted in the board voting Sept. 21 to uphold Knight's 1989 reprimand of Apperson for allegedly "fixing" a traffic ticket.

Apperson, in 1989, asked to appeal Knight's reprimand to the board and set off a three-year legal battle.

The board voted in October to seal the hearing transcripts after Apperson filed for a judicial review of the board's decision.

In its sealing order, the board said Melroy Hutnick, the attorney for Apperson, "has been reported in the local press as having indicated a desire to disseminate to the press a transcript of the disciplinary proceedings held in closed session."

After the decision in September, Hutnick called the entire

proceeding before the board an "absolute joke" and said transcripts of the hearing would be ordered in the process of appealing the board's decision.

Hutnick urged the press to print those transcripts so that the "public can see for itself" how "ludicrous" the board's proceedings had been.

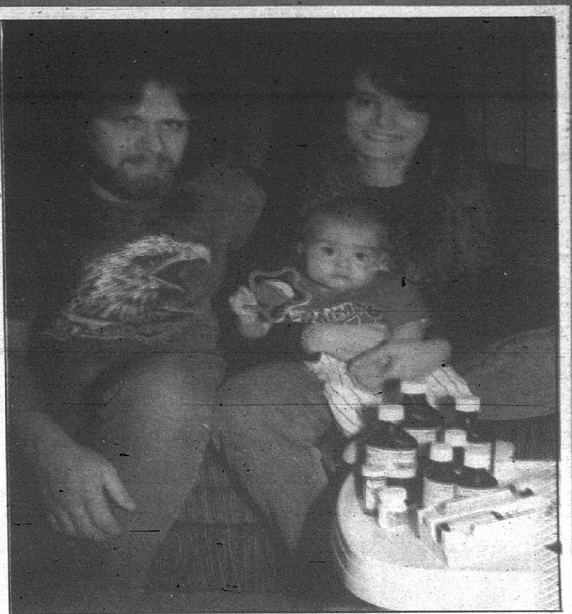
As part of the hearing, the board voted to deny a request by a Press-Record/Journal reporter that the sessions be open to the

public or that the hearing be delayed to allow the newspaper time to prepare a legal document to show cause why it should be open.

The board also denied Hutnick's request that the hearing be open.

The board's order sealing the transcript asserts that the board's "statutory authority to conduct disciplinary hearings in closed session may be seriously

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Ronnie Scott Baker, center, with his parents, Ron Baker and Christy Moore. In the foreground is some but not all of Baker's medications.

7-month-old recuperating at home after transplant

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A seven-month-old Granite City boy who received a liver transplant in January is at home and doing nicely.

Ronnie Scott Baker, who received a new liver from another infant Jan. 29 during surgery at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, came home Feb. 17 for the first time in nearly two months.

"He's doing just fine. Everything's going well. He is on 11 medications 22 times a day, so taking care of him is pretty much a full-time job," said Ronnie's mother, Christy Moore.

Ronnie appears to be a normal little boy. He called for his "mama" and "baba" (bottle) during an interview with Moore.

Ronnie still takes food through a tube at night because he doesn't get enough

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Costello: Most will avoid tax hike

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello says that an economic plan just passed by a House committee will not result in an income tax increase for middle-class Americans.

Costello, who was recently named to the House Budget Committee, said

Friday that an economic package approved Wednesday "is a better package than the president sent to Congress."

Under the House committee plan, which cuts an additional \$63 billion from President Bill Clinton's proposal, the federal deficit would be reduced by \$140 billion over a four-year period.

Congressional discretionary spending would be "frozen" over the next five years, Costello said.

He said middle-income families would not see an income tax increase under the plan, no new taxes would be imposed on Social Security for those who receive it, and the average family of four would probably have to pay an additional \$10 per month, the result of an energy tax.

Only individuals earning \$100,000 a year or more, and couples with a combined annual income of \$140,000 or more, would have to pay an income tax increase, Costello said.

He said that those who do not currently



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Rep. Jerry Costello listens to Ruth Dagon after his town hall meeting Friday.

pay taxes on Social Security — about 84 percent of recipients — will not be asked to pay them in the future.

Seventy percent of the new tax dollars generated by the plan would come from those earning \$100,000 or more annually, according to Costello.

Most of the remainder would come in the form of an energy tax — a tax about which Costello has reservations, but said is likely the "most fair."

"You can't reduce the deficit by cuts alone without adversely affecting the

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Casimir out?

Bill would cut 2 school holidays

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois schoolchildren would get two fewer holidays and spend one day in class dedicated to American heroes under a bill narrowly endorsed by a House committee.

School holidays honoring explorer Christopher Columbus and American Revolutionary War general Casimir Pulaski would be eliminated under the bill, which got the minimum 11 votes needed in the House Elections and State Government Committee to put it before the full House.

The action Wednesday was the first time a legislative committee has endorsed any of several bills introduced in recent years to reduce the number of state-mandated school holidays.

The bill, as introduced, also eliminated a school holiday honoring slain civil rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but sponsor Sen. Mary Lou Covillshaw, R-Naperville, agreed to change it on the House floor to keep the King holiday.

The legislation would require school districts to set aside one day a year of studies for a famous American. Day, even though two of those that would be

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Costello favors Canadian type of health-care system

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello is leaning toward a single-payer national health care policy that would guarantee health care for all.

"But I want to give the

president the opportunity to present his package" May 1, Costello said.

When asked Friday whether he preferred a universal, single-payer system similar to the Canadian system or a "managed competition" system preferred by insurance

companies, Costello said he has "real problems" with managed competition.

Costello, long an advocate of overhauling the current, private health care system in the country, said the issue is "the most complicated issue and the most pressing problem our country faces today."

He said there are three major problems with health care as it exists now: 35 million Americans have no health insurance, there is no way to control increasing costs of prescriptions and doctor visits, and the bureaucracy involved in administration is large.

"In my opinion, the way to get there is with universal health care and a single-payer plan," Costello said Friday.

He said that conversations with President Bill Clinton indicate to him that the health care task force will likely support a plan involving managed competition.

"In my judgment, managed competition does not do a lot toward controlling costs or reducing the bureaucracy, and it keeps the insurance companies involved," Costello said, adding that he will give the president's task force proposal fair consideration.

Barring any unexpected commitments which would require him to be in Washington, Costello is scheduled to meet in Granite City at 6:30 p.m. Monday with representatives of the Campaign for Better Health Care, a group advocating the adoption of a single-payer system.

The meeting, to be held at the Steelworkers Hall, 2331 E. 25th St., is open to the public.



(Staff photo by PAM DOERKE-HURD)

The Rev. Wayne Musatics asks U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello a question during Costello's town hall meeting Friday at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizen Center.

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economy," he said.

Under the proposal, an average family of four earning \$40,000 per year would pay about \$10 per month more for fuel, Costello said.

Some specifics of the plan with which Costello is pleased are guaranteed full-funding for Head Start pre-school classes and immunizations for all children.

He said the plan would also create about 350,000 new summer jobs for youths and about 500,000 new permanent jobs.

"The bottom line is... the worst thing to do is nothing. The president said it best when he said, 'Here's my plan. If you've got a better one, I'd like to hear it'."

Costello said it would be "at least a week" before the full House votes on a final version of the plan.

sentenced following a pre-sentence investigation.

Brown said the nature of the crime might be shocking to those who may know Woods as an upstanding citizen and community activist.

"The general public isn't used to it, but it's something that we see quite a lot of," said Assistant State's Attorney Teresa Brown.

Brown said the testimony of the victim, combined with the testimony of another teenaged victim, Woods allegedly began assaulting when she was 4 years old, won the case.

"I felt like the evidence was overwhelming," Brown said. "The defense presented no motive for them to make up such a thing."

Brown said Woods could not be charged in connection with the

second victim because the statute of limitations had expired on the incidents that allegedly occurred in Madison County. The other abuse was allegedly committed in Florida when the girl was older, Brown said.

Brown said she and Assistant State's Attorney Amy Maher have not decided what sentence they will seek.

Guilty verdict in sex assault case

A Madison County jury deliberated less than 30 minutes Wednesday before finding a 54-year-old Granite City man guilty of a molesting a pre-teen girl.

Frank Woods, of the 2400 block of Sunbury, faces up to 60 years in a state prison following the conviction on two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault. The charges stem from incidents from January to April 1988 when Woods committed sexual acts with a then 10-year-old girl.

Woods, active in both civic and community organizations, was charged May 12. He had been free on \$10,000 cash bond but his bond was rescinded by Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner following the verdict.

Woods was remanded to the custody of the Madison County Sheriff's Department. He will be

Plan would hike penalties for 'major' trash dumpers

SPRINGFIELD — Major litterbugs should be swatted with impounded cars and \$5,000 fines, a state senator proposed.

But some people, including an Alton beautification official, said state Sen. Rickie Hendon's idea is more of a bugbear than a pollution solution.

Hendon, of Chicago, said his bill was aimed at big trash dumpers who litter roadways or alleys, because cleaning up the debris is a financial drain on the state.

"This is not for someone who throws a cup out their window," he said.

Hendon's bill would make littering a Class A misdemeanor for first-time violators, punishable by vehicle seizure and \$5,000 fines to get the vehicles back.

Corporations that violate the law twice in a 10-year period would either be dissolved or face a \$100,000 fine. Individuals would face felony charges for a second violation, punishable by one to three years in jail.

But Jack Barban, executive director of the Pride Inc. beautification group in Alton, said a better bugbear to littering would be making people clean up their messes and educating them.

"I think there should be severe penalties but not that far," Barban said. "It's an attitude change that we have to get into place."

Under current state law, littering is punishable by a maximum \$500 fine and six months in jail. Littering is part of the overall issue of solid waste disposal, said Virginia Scott, spokeswoman

for the Illinois Environmental Council.

"It's a long-term education project to overcome the throw-away mentality," Scott said, adding her group shares Hendon's concerns but questions the severity of his proposed penalties.

Litterbugs are not the only scold laws whose property Hendon would seize.

He has also filed a bill to allow police to take cars away from motorists who solicit prostitutes. For \$500, the motorists would get their cars back.



(Staff photo by PAM DOERKE-HURD)

Repairs — Construction workers patch holes in the roof of the mini-mall where Curlys Quick Shop is located. At the same time, Mitchell firefighters were looking for clues to the cause of Thursday night's fire at the shop.

Police log

Granite City

Arrested in Florida

A former Granite City man, now living in Bethalto, was arrested in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on two Madison County warrants charging him with a total of three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Walter R. Zimmerman, 34, formerly of the 2600 block of Lincoln Avenue, was arrested March 9 on warrants charging him with three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault.

All of the alleged incidents happened within a week-long period in July 1992, said Det. Mike Murgie of the Granite City Police Department.

Zimmerman is being held on \$200,000 bond.

He is alleged to have fondled two girls, both under the age of 13, according to information on the warrants.

Madison County sheriff's deputies transferred Zimmerman from Florida to the county jail.

Drug trafficking arrests

David R. Williams, 31, and Henry D. Ross II, 21, both of the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue, were arrested at their home at 9

p.m. March 8 and each charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver in a warrant issued the next day.

Williams and Ross were being held in lieu of \$25,000 bond each. Officers were dispatched to the Lincoln Avenue address in reference to removing a resident.

A search of the house revealed a large quantity of marijuana in a coffee can in a kitchen cabinet, and more cannabis in Williams' coat pocket, according to a police report.

Battery of two alleged

Daniel L. Strong, 20, of the 4100 block of Braden Avenue, was arrested at 3:57 a.m. March 9 and charged with two counts of battery.

Witnesses told police that Strong struck a 22-year-old woman and her two-year-old son with a wooden chair in an incident in the 400 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, according to a police report.

Domestic charge filed

Ricky W. Vernoy, 27, of the 2000 block of Benton Street, was arrested at 1:57 a.m. March 9 for domestic battery.

He is alleged to have struck his wife in the face with his open hand. He was lodged pending \$107 bail.

DUI arrest on Pontoon

William E. Bennett, 43, of the 3900 block of Oakmont Apartments, Pontoon Beach, was arrested at 8:29 p.m. March 8 for driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a silver 1985 Pontiac Fiero on the parking lot at Len's Amoco, 2200 Pontoon Road.

Bennett, who witnesses said had been driving the car, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged. An open bottle of alcohol was found on the floorboard of the car, according to a police report.

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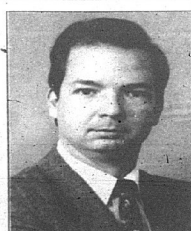
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Celebration — National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1067 celebrated the group's 25-year anniversary at its March meeting at Charlie's Restaurant Monday afternoon. The chapter, chartered March 27, 1968, with 15 members, now has 125 members on its rolls. Ninety-six members attended the meeting. Above, from left, District Vice President Lorman Wehling of Alton; Stage Federation President Williams; Tharah Farney, the lone surviving charter member; chapter secretary Katherine Shockley; Charter President Jerry Walters; and Treasurer Helen Martin display the chapter's original charter in front of a special 25th anniversary banner.

Below, Walters, left, and Martha Ebrecht, right, present Farney a bouquet of flowers. Ebrecht has missed only one meeting in 25 years. At bottom, Jerry Martin, who has served as treasurer for 19 years, is also recognized with a bouquet.



FACES IN THE CROWD
.. (Staff photos by BOB SLATE)

6 candidates confirm debate participation

Six of the 10 Granite City mayoral candidates have confirmed they will participate in a public debate next month.

Citizens are being asked to submit questions for the debate sponsored by the *Granite City Press-Record/Journal*. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Granite City High School Auditorium.

Citizens who wish to have their question asked should submit the question in writing to Debate Question, *Granite City Press-Record/Journal*, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. They should include their name, address and telephone number on the question.

Questions to be asked will be selected by a panel of newspaper reporters and editors.

The candidates who have confirmed their participation, in ballot order, are Alderman Paul Fick, Alderman Jeff Worthen, Alderman Walter Milton, Alderman Dan Brown, Joseph McGinnis, and Steve Bolling.

Correction

A letter to the editor from Mike Rogers, appearing in the Sunday, March 7, *Press-Record/Journal*, incorrectly identified Foster Frederick as a candidate for Ward 5 alderman. Frederick is running for alderman in Ward 4.

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Utility watchdog complains bill would muzzle its bite

SPRINGFIELD — The Citizens Utility Board, created a decade ago to fight for consumers in utility rate cases, is now fighting for its life.

Legislation sent to the House with Senate approval Thursday "could put CUB out of business," said the organization's executive director, Susan Stewart.

The bill that passed the Senate on a 30-24 roll vote, would effectively stop CUB from using state government mailings to solicit members who provide all of CUB's funding, Stewart said.

All of the votes for the bill came from Republicans who argued other organizations should have the same privilege of state mailing solicitations.

The bill would put CUB at the back of the line for future solicitations and Stewart estimated that after more than 1,600 other

eligible organizations had their turn, CUB couldn't use the state mailings again until after the year 2000.

The chief sponsor of the bill, Sen. Edward Petka, R-Plainfield, argued such groups as the United Way, Red Cross, Salvation Army and Boy Scouts should have a chance to use the same fund-raising method. "A monopoly should not be given to a single organization," he said.

Petka denied charges by CUB and its Senate supporters that the bill was being pushed by utility companies to put CUB out of business so they would no longer have any opposition when they sought rate increases from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

He argued CUB could use conventional fund-raising methods such as going door to door or mailing its own solicitations.

Stewart responded that CUB

should be given the state mailing privileges to solicit members because it was created by a state law that also defined its duties and restricted other fund-raising activities. That is not the case with the private charitable groups that would be authorized to use the mailings in the bill passed by the Senate.

CUB has a budget of about \$1.5 million for the current fiscal year, all of it raised from contributions from about 150,000 members who responded to inserts in state mailings. Most inserts were enclosed with license renewal notices sent by the Secretary of State's Office or income tax refunds mailed by the Comptroller's Office.

CUB will ask its members to contact their legislators in the House to oppose the bill, spokeswoman Pat Clark said.

— from the Alton Telegraph

Ailing Vadalabene quits committees

SPRINGFIELD — Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, has resigned his Illinois Senate committee assignments because of ill health.

Vadalabene said in a telephone interview that he is still confined to his home and is not sure when he will return to Springfield.

Vadalabene said Wednesday that he resigned from the committees at the suggestion of Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones so replacements could be named.

Senate committees began considering bills about three weeks ago and have a March 19 deadline for committee action.

Vadalabene said his doctors

have increased his kidney dialysis treatments from two to three times a week.

"I really don't know when I could return. If I could, I'd be back tomorrow," he said.

Vadalabene added that he does not have any plans to resign his Senate seat.

In his letter resigning his committee spots, he wrote, "With the consent of the Senate, I hope to resume my duties after recuperating from illness."



Vadalabene

This session, the veteran legislator was appointed to the Senate Executive Committee, State Government Operations Committee and Executive Appointments Committee.

He has been a state senator for 22 years, representing the 56th District.

Vadalabene's kidney problems and other health difficulties have prevented him from returning to Springfield since last year's regular legislative session ended in early July.

Despite his illness and being unable to campaign, Vadalabene easily won re-election in November to a new two-year term.

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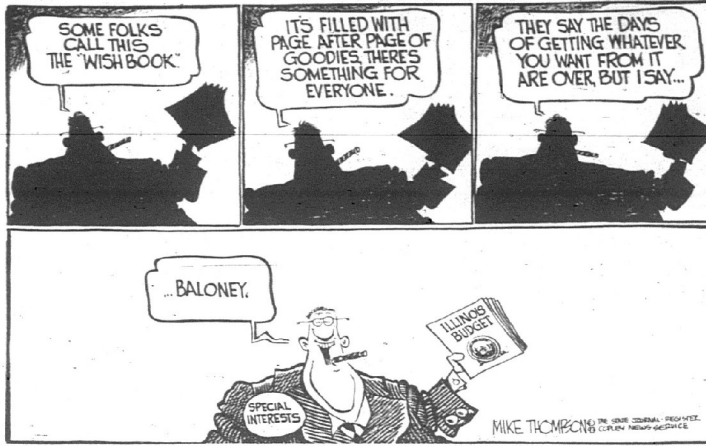
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Simon succeeds Dixon in top position at Institute for Illinois

(This column is by Robert Estill of Copley News Service)

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Illinois, is doing more than assume the mantle of the state's senior senator that he inherited from his longtime ally, former Sen. Alan Dixon.

Simon is taking on many of the duties once performed by the Belleville Democrat, especially those duties that have to do with looking out for Illinois interests.

The affable, persuasive, centrist Dixon was the linchpin who often brought and held together the Illinois congressional delegation.

Shortly after he came to the Senate in 1981, he brought the largely disunited delegation together for monthly meetings.

The purpose was to work together on problems and projects of common interest.

Four years later, Dixon, always popular with usually Republican-leaning business leaders, founded the Institute for Illinois.

The institute is a bipartisan public-private partnership that works with the delegation on state issues.

When other lawmakers in the delegation had Pentagon problems, they turned to Dixon, then a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and chairman of one of its key committees.

Indeed, Dixon's influence with the Defense Department prompted a private group to hire Dixon, now a lawyer in private practice following his defeat last year, to

try to convince the Pentagon not to close the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in north Chicago.

On the congressional side, Simon has been working with Rep. John Porter, R-Wilmington, whose district includes the Great Lakes Training Center, to bolster the case.

Republican House members from Illinois usually turned first to Dixon for help in the Senate because they viewed him as more moderate and less partisan than Simon.

Now, with Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Illinois, still the untested new kid on the block, Simon is moving to fill the void left by Dixon's departure.

Simon is taking what his press secretary, David Carle, described as a "more formal" and "higher profile" role with the delegation.

Simon recently took over the organization of the monthly delegation meetings and was sworn

in March 3 as Dixon's successor as chairman of the Institute for Illinois.

Since the election, Simon, always far more popular with labor than with business, has been meeting with the chief executive officers of Illinois companies to become more attuned to their problems and needs.

He has also been meeting with Illinois lawmakers, including Republicans, on some major Illinois issues.

For example, Simon is consulting with Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Naperville, to try to discourage the Clinton administration from shutting down Argonne National Laboratory's integral fast reaction project, a new generation of reactor that recycles most of its own nuclear waste.

If the project is shut down, it would mean about 500 jobs lost in Illinois and another 1,000 jobs lost at "Argonne West" in Idaho, Carle said Simon "has always

done far more than he was given credit for" on Illinois projects because that was the area where Dixon shined.

Dixon relished the description of "wonderfully parochial" once applied to him by former Illinois Republican Sen. Charles Percy.

With Simon expected to seek a third six-year term in 1996, that kind of description could not hurt the Makanda Democrat's prospects.

Auto needless avoid pollution

TO THE EDITOR:
The car — a symbol of mobility, independence, liberty. Maybe more than this for some of us.

To drive a car also means to take care of the environment, especially in today's world.

I recognize that a lot of people let the engine of their car still run, while going to a store (passenger waiting in the car, but also when the car is unattended), while waiting at railroad crossings (for five minutes and longer), while hoping the car will be warmed up before going somewhere (in that case, somebody needs programmable stationary heating).

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Our environment, a real huge garage, a place with no endless space, can't take this lack of responsibility forever.

I'm sure there are other ways to educate car drivers besides the described experiment.

I'm a car driver, competitive hobby cyclist, German, and lived till October 1992, in Munich, Bayern.

It's never too late to learn

something new, or refresh forgotten knowledge.
BERND FAUST
Granite City

Urges avoiding judging others

TO THE EDITOR:
The first letter from a writer I shrugged off as blowing off political steam. This is in reply to the second, "Many unborn deprived of life," Feb. 18.

Where is he coming from? It is clear the letter writer has never walked a mile in a woman's shoe.

I do not agree with abortion. I would never have aborted one of my babies.

But it is clear to me that, when a woman is in the position to consider abortion, she has other serious problems in her life she feels would only be made worse by having the child.

I don't understand that, either, since my children were all blessings. But how can he stand on his pedestal and point his finger?

How can he look down his male chauvinist nose and pass judgment? Judge not, lest you be judged.

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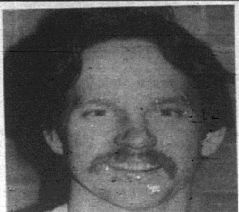
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THE VOICE BOX:

What was the last book you read? Would you recommend it to others?

Why or why not?
By T.W. MILLER



Al Dunaway, Granite City
"Everything I Know at the Top I Learned at the Bottom, by Dexter Yeager. Yes, but only if you're looking to be successful."



Myrna Kesterson, Granite City
"The National Arboretum Book on Plants from Washington, D.C. Yes, absolutely, because it has almost every plant you can imagine in it, especially, from this area."



Barb Campbell, Granite City
"All Around the Town, by Mary Higgins-Clark. Definitely because it is so good you can't put it down."



Paula Thouvenot, Granite City
"No Greater Love, by Danielle Steele. Yes, because it's just a good love story."



Norma Holt, Granite City
"Hicaway, by Dean Kootz. Yes, because it is a good book."

BAC tuition to rise \$3 per credit hour

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

Students returning to Belleville Area College this fall will be met with a \$3 per credit hour tuition increase.

BAC trustees approved the increase from \$32 to \$35 per credit hour Thursday on a 6-1 vote. Trustee Ted Farmer entered the only opposition vote, saying the district already had \$4 million in cash on hand.

"I can't see going out there and asking students to increase the tuition by \$3 when we have this money," he said. "We're saying we don't know what's going to happen, but it won't hurt us to drop to \$3.7 million."

Other trustees argued that \$2.5 million of that amount is in the fund balance (not operating expenses) and should not be used for continuing expenses.

The tuition increase will allow District 522 to upgrade computer systems and equipment, and pay

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— Ted Farmer
Tuition hike foe

for more full-time faculty to improve service to students, said Trustee Michael Bowen.

"This isn't being done to stockpile money," he said. "It seems to me it was pretty well all spent."

Trustee Kay Bennett said the money will cover items the district has put off buying for several years because of low revenues.

In addition, she said the district has not even begun consid-

ering how it will pay for changes to its buildings as proposed in Plan A of the Master Site Plan.

"Three dollars seems like a lot, but we're trying to keep our head above water and get caught up," Bennett said.

Larry Schmalenberger, vice president of administrative services, said the fund balance is

necessary to protect the district when there is a lag in revenues and from being forced to borrow money when an emergency occurs.

"These funds are the only thing that keep up liquid," he said.

The board also approved a \$5-per semester hour fee for students who withdraw from classes. However, a three-member panel will review requests for exceptions which could include medical reasons, military transfers or changes in job shifts.

That fee will be effective with the summer 1993 semester.

College President Joseph Cipri said the district usually sees about 55,000 course withdrawals each year. However, he had no figures on how much revenues the district might raise with the proposal.

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Graniteware on display at Historical Museum

The public is invited to see Lori Schuster's collection of blue and white graniteware at the Madison County Historical Society Museum in Edwardsville. The collection is on display now through March 25 at the museum.

Graniteware made in Granite City was the basis of the city's name. Schuster's extensive collection, which was begun by her mother, Eunice Ann Raymond of Girard, Ill., during the 1920s and 1930s, contains cups, bowls; pie and cake pans, roasters, buckets, pitchers, spoons, salt dishes, colanders and a spittoon.

Newly-invented graniteware was featured in the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.

Additional names for this enamel-coated iron cookware are enamelware, granite ironware, glazed ware, granite steelware, and agateware.

The new cookware was favored by homemakers because it was lightweight and its hard surface was much easier to clean than iron, copper, tin or brass.

Granite City is named for the graniteware produced at the National Enameling and Stamping Co., once the parent company of Granite City Steel Co.

Additional information regarding graniteware and the founding of Granite City are available in the County Museum's research library.

Built by Dr. John H. Weir in 1836, the Madison County Historical Museum is a 10-room restored federal-style building with period furnished rooms, displays of Indian and pioneer artifacts, a history and

genealogy reference library and changing seasonal exhibits.

Located at 715 N. Main Street in Edwardsville, the museum is open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.; on Sundays from 1-4 p.m.; and on the first Saturday of each month from 1-4 p.m. It is closed on holidays.

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Campaign will help fund clinic

The WINGS (We're Investing in New Growth at St. Elizabeth) Medical Center campaign kicks off Friday with plans to raise \$250,000 to help the medical center better serve people of the community.

"Our goal is to raise funds which will subsidize our Family Services Clinic and purchase surgical equipment at the medical center," said John Mohl, director of development for the medical center.

Last year, more than \$165,000 was raised through the campaign, Mohl said.

The funds were used to buy a new endoscopic computer system and a new ventilator, plus subsidizing the Family Services Clinic.

"Today's St. Elizabeth is really a comprehensive system of health care services which includes a complete offering of inpatient medical and surgical services," he said.

"Two Operating Room suites now under construction will accommodate increased surgical schedules and utilize the latest procedures involving lasers and advanced technologies."

This year's campaign funds will be used to purchase equipment such as an operative laparoscopic system and a cysto table.

The new laparoscopic system will be used to perform surgical procedures without major incisions for gall bladders, hernias, appendectomies and vaginal assisted hysterectomies.

The cysto table provides continuous X-ray capabilities for use in surgeries.

Campaign funds will be provided to the Family Services Clinic to continue providing care and to help expand its services.

Personnel in the clinic, which has been open for 30 years, continue to provide care for those community residents who cannot afford health care elsewhere.

"At SEMC we believe your health is your most precious

asset," Mohl said. "We are committed to providing the most comprehensive care possible to everyone in this southwestern Illinois region, regardless of their ability to pay."

"We make health care accessible to everyone, including the underserved and underprivileged. We are committed to offering compassionate, attentive and professional service to each patient, all the time."

In a single year, SEMC serves more than 34,000 people requiring immediate attention through the Emergency Room; performs more than 450,000 outpatient tests and procedures; admits more than 10,000 patients for overnight stays; performs more than one million laboratory

tests; performs more than 165,000 X-rays; and employs more than 1,400 associates.

"Our facilities in Edwardsville, Collinsville and Granite City, are up-to-date and comfortable," Mohl said. "Our physicians cover 21 different medical specialties, reflecting training from some of the best schools in the country."

"We believe it is a privilege to be chosen to serve the health-care needs of our community," Mohl said.

"To do this, we need to provide the best equipment, available and continue to provide services through our Family Services Clinic. This is what WINGS is all about — helping others."



1993 WINGS campaign division leaders are, from left in front: Dave McFarland of McFarland Heating and Cooling; Linda Fussell, Fussell Insurance Company; Tom Majewski, American Steel Foundries; and Al Barnes, Rapid Lube Inc.; from left in back: Barry Loman, Central Bank; Bob Lombardi, Lombardi Furniture & Interiors; Earl Buenger, O'Brien Tire; and Loren Davis, Davis Funeral Home.

Buenger to head 1993 Wings campaign

Earl Buenger, president of O'Brien Tire and Service Center in Granite City, will head the 1993 We're Investing in New Growth at St. Elizabeth (WINGS) campaign at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"I will give the best leadership to this organization I can," Buenger said.

"In the process, we're going to tell the story of this medical center, stress all the good St. Elizabeth's does and how comprehensive the services are. I hope to bring this positive message to everyone in the community."

The WINGS campaign, an annual program, seeks support from community residents, businesses and corporations for the medical center's not-for-profit services. It also raises significant support from associates, volunteers and physicians at

SEMC.

Last year the campaign raised more than \$165,000, which helped provide quality health care to low-income families through the Family Services Clinic and Pediatric Clinic, purchase an endoscopic system and additional ventilator, and equip two operating room suites now under construction.

"I have lived in Granite City all my life," Buenger said. "I was born here."

"After I semi-retired, I wanted to give something back to the community. This year the campaign will continue to subsidize care through the Family Services Clinic, so we can continue to

provide medical care for those families who cannot afford it. We also must upgrade some facilities at the medical center and purchase more surgical equipment to keep up with advances in technology."

Buenger is a member of the SEMC advisory board, the board of directors at Magna Bank of Madison County, the Elks Club, the board of the Illinois Tire Dealers Association and the St. John United Church of Christ, past chairman of the Tri-Cities Chapter of the American Red Cross and past president of the Illinois Tire Dealers Association.



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Bunny

Materials needed:

- Pre-painted wood head
- 3" clear plastic globe
- Pink cording
- White Fun Foam
- 4" sinamay hat
- Small silk flowers
- 12" of 1" gathered lace
- 3" wide pink wood heart
- Four 1" white and one 1" pink pom pom
- Candy
- Cool melt glue and gun

Fill the globe with candy. Glue head to top of globe with hanging loop of globe behind head. Glue globe to center of wood heart.

Glue red pom pom to nose, 2 orange down front and 2 to "feet". Glue a 2" heart to both sides. Cover head with glue and press on curly hair. Add ruffled ribbon around neck. Add ruffled ribbon around neck and glue a double loop to hair and glue a pom pom to center of this loop.

Fill the globe with candy. Glue head to top of globe with hanging loop of globe behind head. Glue globe to center of wood heart.

Gather lace with cording, wrap around neck and tie into a bow. Glue a pom pom to each side for paws and one to each "foot". Cut 2 ears from Fun Foam, glue hat to head, add ears and flowers.

Clown

Materials needed:

- Pre-painted wood head
- 3" clear plastic globe

- 1/2 yd. of 3/4" ruffled ribbon
- Two 1" yellow, two 1/2" orange, one 1/2" yellow and one 1/2" red pom poms
- Yellow mini curly hair
- 3" wide red and two 1" red wood hearts
- Candy
- Cool melt glue and gun

Fill the globe with candy. Glue head to top of globe with hanging loop of globe behind head. Glue globe to center of wood heart.

Glue red pom pom to nose, 2 orange down front and 2 to "feet". Glue a 2" heart to both sides. Cover head with glue and press on curly hair. Add ruffled ribbon around neck. Add ruffled ribbon around neck and glue a double loop to hair and glue a pom pom to center of this loop.

Little Bunny

Materials needed:

- Pre-painted wood head
- 3" clear plastic globe
- 2" baseball cap
- Small amount of doll hair
- Green Fun Foam
- Two 1/2" yellow and two 1/2" blue pom poms
- 3" wide red and two 1/2" blue pom poms
- 1" white wood hearts
- Plastic frog
- Candy
- Cool melt glue and gun

Fill globe, add head and "feet" and other characters. Cut a narrow strip of green Fun Foam 1/2" wide, wrap around neck and glue.

Glue 2 yellow pom poms down front and blue pom poms to "feet". Add a heart to each side with a strip of foam covering points of hearts. Glue frog to bottom front of one foot. Add hair to head and glue hat over to one side.

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Posters to publicize Stash Trash program

Some of the signs of approaching spring may be hard to find under the snow drifts of recent weeks, but one sure sign is the launching of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Stash Trash program.

Two important parts of the drive's success are promotion and participation. More than 700 third-grade students are doing their part to help on both counts. Posters will be distributed this week to students in the elementary schools in the Granite City, Madison and Venice school districts for the children to color.

Seven of the posters will win \$50 savings bonds from area financial institutions and about 100 honorable mentions will be selected for display in businesses, reminding people about the annual Stash Trash campaign, which is scheduled for April 17.

Barb DuVall, operations officer at Central Bank and a member of the chamber's Community Pride Committee, coordinates the poster contest. Magna Bank and Central Bank are donating two savings bonds each, and Roosevelt Bank, First National Bank in Madison and Guardian Savings are donating savings bonds.

The financial institutions then display the prize-winning posters in their lobbies. DuVall said she will also give the companies many of the honorable mentions,

'A lot of the kids (who pick up the trash) are older and in the Scouts. Participants in the coloring contest are a little younger age. And when they get older, at least they'll have an idea of what we are doing.'

— Barb DuVall

which they will display and distribute to their business customers for display.

Others she takes to local businesses downtown and in the shopping centers, where they are widely accepted. "People are real good about taking them," DuVall said. "Anyone who would like to display a poster can contact me here at the bank, I'll be sure to get one to them."

In addition to having their posters displayed at area businesses, honorable mention recipients also receive a certificate of appreciation and a coloring book that focuses on environmental issues. The coloring books are donated by



This year's Stash Trash poster. Local grade school students will get a chance to win savings bonds in a poster coloring contest designed to draw attention to the April 17 event.

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DuVall, who serves as one of the coloring contest judges, said that even narrowing the field down to 107 involves some difficult choices. Although neatness counts, it doesn't necessarily count the most. "Originality is important. Quite a few of them are very neat and some are sloppy, but some of them draw in extra flowers or use original colors," DuVall said.

The promotion provided by the posters displayed may get some people involved in the clean-up

day, but getting the third-grade students involved is also considered important.

"A lot of the kids (who pick up the trash) are older and in the Scouts. Participants in the coloring contest are a little younger age. And when they get older, at least they'll have an idea of what we are doing," DuVall said.

The posters will be collected from the schools in the week of March 21 and the winners will be announced on April 1. DuVall said she would contact the parents for presentations of the savings bonds.

St. Joseph's Day Dance set for March 20

The Polish American Cultural Society of Metropolitan St. Louis Inc. is sponsoring its annual St. Joseph's Day Dance for the benefit of their quarterly publication, *HEJNAL*. The dance will be held on March 20 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The dance will be held at the American Legion Hall Post No. 581, Locust Street in Columbia. Featured talent will be Duane Malinowski and the Polka Jambores from Toledo, Ohio.

Admission is \$7 per person in advance and \$8 at the door. A cash bar will be available. To order your tickets, please call (314) 741-2763, (314) 741-1608 or (314) 638-2561. In Illinois call (618) 398-3923.

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Edgar scheduled to appear at Fairmount racing salute today

By Martin Richter
Staff Writer

A number of state and local officials — including Gov. Jim Edgar — are scheduled to take part in a "Salute to Racing" at Fairmount Park today.

The event is co-sponsored by the Southern Illinois Live Racing Coalition and Fairmount Park, said Al Fischer of Collinsville, co-chairman of the coalition.

Fischer said one purpose for the day is to remind legislators of the importance of live racing to the area's economy. Fairmount Park is Collinsville's second largest employer, providing more than 600 jobs.

"We're thanking these people for what they've done in the past, but we also want them to keep us in mind," he said. "We need as much help as we can get to keep live racing going."

The public also is urged to come out to Fairmount Park for the day, which will feature live harness racing and a simulcast thoroughbred program from Sportsman's Park in Chicago. Admission is \$2.

Gates open at noon, and post time for the first race is 1 p.m.

"We'd like to remind people that we're here, and we think it's a good place to spend a Sunday afternoon," Fischer said. Fischer said employees will be

available to explain betting and to show visitors around the park so Sunday would be a good opportunity for first-time visitors to the park.

Fischer said Wednesday that he didn't yet have a complete list of government officials who would be on hand for the event.

But he said Edgar, state Rep. Jay Hoffman and Ron Stephens, state Sen. Frank Watson, Collinsville Mayor Fred Dalton and East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush all had said they planned to attend.

Some Madison County officials also are expected to attend, he said.

Freshmen at SIUE are older now

The perils of unemployment are pushing up the average age of freshmen at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The starting age has climbed steadily from 18.8 years for the fall 1989 quarter to 19.4 years for fall 1992, boosted primarily by adults returning to school, said Richard Dremuk.

Assistant vice president for admissions and retention at SIUE, Dremuk said. "In a recessionary period, you have more people coming back into school."

"The real pressure is to at least get a bachelor's degree to make yourself more employable. College has become the main ticket for what are viewed as good jobs."

Though the economy has picked up this year, unemploy-

ment hovers at 7 percent nationwide.

Unemployment in Madison County matches the national average with a 7 percent rate, according to the most recent figures available. There were 8,734 looking for work in the county.

Some people go back to school when they find themselves out of work, Dremuk said.

He said many qualify for grants, loans or veterans' assistance. But bad times also help persuade others of the value of education.

"It's not just the unemployed, but also people who see they may not be in a competitive position to hold onto a job in the long term," Dremuk said.

"People are just seeing that education is a worthwhile

endeavor," he said, adding that this sort of insight is less common in good times. "It doesn't seem as important when you're working and you have money in your pocket."

Though Lewis and Clark Community College's average age remains steady at 29, more students are planning to follow the trend by going on to a bachelor's degree, officials said.

"We are seeing more older students who want to get a higher degree and are using Lewis and Clark to work toward a baccalaureate degree," said Pete Basola, dean of enrollment.

Dremuk said SIUE makes no special effort to recruit adults, but offers a number of programs designed to meet the needs of people who work full time.



(Staff photo by FAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Sneak a peek — Third grader Carlos McGee, 9, takes a peek while students at Harris School in Madison practice their "duck and cover" skills during a tornado drill at the school. Last week was Tornado Preparedness Week; area schools held surprise tornado drills for their students.

Equinox observance planned at Mounds

A lecture, an equinox observance and an award dinner highlight the activities during the remainder of March at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

"Jesuit Influence on the Local Indian Cultures" will be the topic of a lecture at 1:30 p.m. today in the Interpretive Center by Tom Underwood, a Catholicism historian from the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

The annual Mound Builder Award Dinner will also be held today at the Interpretive Center. A reception will start at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the awards will be presented at 8.

The Madison County Transit Authority, represented by Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, will accept an award for contributing free shuttle bus

service during Heritage America, a three-day special event in September.

Lucille Stehman will be honored for helping found the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society and the Museum Shop; and Richard Norrish will be recognized for serving as editor of the Cahokian newsletter and being a member of the Museum Society's Board of Directors for 15 years.

The spring equinox sunrise will be observed, Sunday, March 21, at the reconstructed Woodhenge, which the Mississippian Indians erected to determine the seasons and important dates. The observance is free, and refreshments will be available.

Choctaw cane baskets will be the theme of an adult craft class on Saturday, March 27, from 1-4 p.m. at the Interpretive Center.

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Mutual funds offer income, growth

This is the second article of three on mutual funds. Last week's article discussed the definition of a mutual fund. A mutual fund is a professionally managed pool of money. The professional money manager diversifies the fund's holdings into numerous companies to, hopefully, produce the desired results of the investors.

There are generally four types of mutual funds: 1) Income, 2) Balanced, 3) Growth, and 4) Aggressive Growth. This article will focus on these categories.

Income Mutual Fund: The objective of income funds is to provide current income to the shareholders.

This type of fund will contain income-producing stocks, bonds, or a combination thereof. Income can be either taxable or nontaxable, depending on the fund itself. These funds have become popular with retirees moving from low-interest, taxable certificates of deposit to higher-yielding, taxable or tax-free income funds.

Balanced Mutual Fund: These funds attempt to produce both capital appreciation (growth) and current income.

High-grade stocks with steady



Brian Mulhall

growth are often purchased for these funds. An individual who is nearing retirement and looking for growth, with security, would be a candidate for this type of fund.

Taxation is entirely dependent on the fund itself. Some are fully taxable, some have both federal and state tax-free income, and others have either federal or state tax advantages.

Growth Mutual Fund: These funds give little or no consideration to producing income. Instead, they focus on building principal.

These funds may purchase stocks of companies experiencing rapid growth, but they primarily focus on companies that are more established.

Ideally, individuals with a minimum five-year and beyond holding period would be candidates for this type of

category. For example: college education funds or retirement funds that the investor will not need to access for many years.

Nearly all of these funds are subject to taxation. **Aggressive Growth Mutual Fund:** These funds are not for the weak of heart. These funds violate the traditional advantage of diversification that mutual funds commonly provide.

Typically, they focus in one geographical area, a specific type of security, or a specific industry. For example, a fund may specialize in pharmaceutical companies and is entirely dependent on that industry's results.

A key to profitable investing is to diversify across categories of mutual funds. When one category is booming, another is not, and always remember, it is time in the market, not market timing, that will lead to investment success. Next week's article will focus on mutual fund families and how to follow mutual funds in the newspaper.

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Special license plate — Walter Aerne, owner of Amsco Mechanical Piping, shows the special-issue license plate celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Illinois. Aerne has been a director with the state association for the past 26 years.

Prosser to host seminar for business owners

Jeffrey M. Prosser, the Granite City representative for the financial-services firm Edward D. Jones and Company, will host a seminar, "Revitalizing Main Street: A Conference for Leaders in Business," Wednesday, March 17.

"This is a chance for business owners and city officials to hear from some of the nation's leading authorities on ideas for revitalizing downtown areas," Prosser said.

The program, broadcast live via satellite from Jones' St. Louis headquarters, will feature two experts on revitalizing down-

towns across the country. They are Kennedy Smith, director of the National Main Street Center in Washington, D.C.; and Beth Spokas, executive director of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

The panelists will discuss ways of enhancing the physical appearance of commercial districts nationwide, strengthening districts' existing economic base, and finding ways to expand downtown areas to meet new opportunities.

Because the program will be broadcast live, the audience will have an opportunity to address questions to the panelists.

The program is the final broadcast in a three-part series designed specifically for small-business owners.

Edward D. Jones and Co. began offering continuing education to small-business owners in 1991, and more than 10,000 business owners participated in the firm's 1992 series.

Jones traces its roots to 1871. Today, it has more than 2,000 offices.

For more information on the Professional Education Network, firms may contact Prosser at (618) 452-5040. The office is located at 2133 Johnson Road.

Culiberk receives award from defense agency

Patricia J. Culiberk of Granite City recently received a Performance Award from the Defense Mapping Agency.

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BUSINESS

Wydra named director of 3rd Coast Coalition

Robert L. Wydra, general manager of the Tri-City Regional Port District and Foreign Trade Zone No. 31, was recently appointed to two positions relating to domestic and international trade.

Wydra, of Glen Carbon, was appointed to the advisory board of the recently opened St. Louis World Trade Center in Clayton. He also was named a director and chairman of marketing of The Third Coast Coalition, a national organization formed to expand trade between the U.S., Mexico and Canada via the Mississippi River and other transportation modes, including rail, air and trucking.

The Third Coast Coalition, formed in January, promotes increased use of the 25,000-mile U.S. Inland Waterway System through an economic development program called The Avenue of the Americas.

Expanding north-south trade, driven by the U.S. Canadian Free Trade Agreement, privatization and other economic reforms in Mexico and the recently signed North America Free Trade Agreement and other western hemispheric initiatives, is expected to increase substantially over the next decade.

The St. Louis World Trade Center, which was established by the St. Louis County Economic

Council, is a non-profit, membership organization that can assist companies, particularly small and medium-size business, develop and expand their export capabilities.

The St. Louis World Trade Center is a member of the World Trade Centers Association, a worldwide network consisting of 251 World Trade Centers located in more than 60 countries. The St. Louis Trade Center offers a variety of services including trade information and research services, export education and training programs, international business counseling, and assistance in gaining access to foreign buyers, as well as gaining access of other international business service providers.

The port district has opened an office at the World Trade Center in concert with Madison and St. Clair counties.

Wydra holds a bachelor of arts and a master of science degrees with concentrations in history, secondary education, community and economic development and regional planning from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He serves as president of the Illinois Association of Port Districts, and is a member of the executive committee and chairman of the marketing committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. He is active in numerous other professional and community organizations on local, national and international levels.



Cancer registrar attends workshop — Pat Callahan, left, of the Cancer Registry at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City is pictured with Joseph Imperato, MD, at an annual statewide workshop for cancer registrars, sponsored by the American Cancer Society Illinois Division in Chicago. Dr. Imperato is chairman of the Cancer Incidence and End Results Committee, which is responsible for collecting and publishing cancer information for hospital registries through the state. This data is used to help guide the American Cancer Society's research and educational efforts in the prevention and control of cancer.

Physicians get certification

R. Craig McKee, MD, and Amorn Salyapongse, MD, recently received certifications from the American Board of Plastic Surgery Inc.

McKee and Salyapongse practice in association with Richard J. Heilmann, MD, at Plastic and Hand Surgery Associates, SC. They have offices in Belleville, Edwardsville and Granite City and are all on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

McKee received his certification in the specialty of plastic surgery. He received his medical degree at the University of Kentucky at Lexington in 1981.

From 1981-86, he served his general surgery residency at the Fresno branch of the University of California at San Francisco. In 1989, McKee completed his plastic surgery residency in Akron, Ohio.

Salyapongse, who has been board certified in plastic surgery since 1973, earned an added qualification in hand surgery, making him one of less than 10 percent of board certified plastic surgeons to have demonstrated formal expertise in the area of

hand surgery. He has been a member of the medical staff at SEMC since 1972.

Salyapongse received his pre-medical and medical degrees from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He then completed an internship at Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis. He served a residency in general surgery at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, and a residency in plastic surgery at Allentown Hospital, in Allentown, Pa.

He is a member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, American Association for Hand Surgery, American Medical Association, Midwest Society of Plastic Surgeons, Illinois State Medical Society and St. Clair and Tri-City Medical Societies. He is a fellow in the American College of Surgeons and the International College of Surgeons.

Both McKee and Salyapongse can be reached through their Granite City office at 877-0171. The office is located in Suite 301, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave.

A.O. Smith special dividend

The A.O. Smith Corp. board has approved a special 50-cent per share dividend payable only to holders of its common stock, formerly Class B common stock.

The special dividend is payable March 22 to common stock shareholders of record March 8. No special dividend was declared on Class A common stock.

On Feb. 2, the corporation mailed Class A common stock holders instructions and forms for the voluntary conversion of their Class A shares to common stock. To receive the special dividend, completed conversion forms must have been received by the transfer agent, Firstar

Trust Corp., by March 8. Holders of common stock were not required to take any action to receive the special dividend.

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Church honors member on 90th

Mount Zion Church honored Mildred Rippy for her 90th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 31.

She was surprised in the morning worship service by being escorted to the front of the church and presented with a bouquet of flowers by the nursery children.

A poem was written and read by Helen Nance and Rippy's favorite song, "Just A Closer Walk," was sung by Terry and Tanya Cook. Deacon Bud Phelps presented her with a dozen red roses and a plaque from the church.

Rippy is still active and drives herself to church every Sunday. Many friends and relatives attended this occasion.

K of C hosts free-throw contest

The Knights of Columbus held the District Free-Throw contest Feb. 21 at St. Peter and Paul's in Collinsville.

Those participating were the winners at the local level in Granite City and Collinsville.

Three of the district winners are from Holy family school: Katie Ronk, a 5th grader, is the champion in the age 10 bracket; Susan Baker, a 6th grader, is the champion in the age 11 bracket; and Buddy Prazma, a 9th grader and Holy Family alumni, is the champion in the age 14 bracket.

Each winner was presented with a medal and certificate. The next round of competition will be held in Highland on March 14.

Births

Benjamin Matthew Luper—Fred and Jane Luper of Granite City, announce the birth of a boy, Benjamin Matthew, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, at 6:22 a.m. on Jan. 17, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northwest. Elder children: Rebekah Martha, 7; Rachel Ann, 5; and Nathaniel Thomas, 3.

Brittany Freiner—Cynthia Selph and Charles Freiner of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 2:21 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

The infant has been named Brittany Dawn Marie Freiner; she weighed 4 pounds and 14 ounces.

The mother is the former Cynthia Gallia.

Maternal grandparents are Ray and Donna Graham of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Charlie and Ann Freiner of Granite City.

Brittany joins three sisters, Marilyn Ann Freiner, 11; Nichole Jean Gallia, 13; and Ashley Marie Renee Lynn Selph, 7; and one brother, Daniel Raymond Roby Selph, 10.

Chelsea McElroy

Brenda and William McElroy of Granite City are the parents of a girl born at 3:04 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Chelsea LeAnn McElroy; she weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.

The mother is the former Brenda Gillison.

Maternal grandparents are Harold and Bobbie Gillison of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Viola McElroy and the late Minus McElroy of Granite City.

Chelsea joins one brother, William McElroy, 10, and one sis-

ter, Holly McElroy, 2.

Christopher Hettwer—Melinda and Richard Hettwer of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Christopher William Hettwer; he weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

The mother is the former Melinda White.

Maternal grandparents are John and Mary White of Granite City.

Paternal grandfather is Richard J. Hettwer Sr. of Granite City.

Christopher joins one brother, Richard J. Hettwer III, 2, and one sister, Samantha Ann Hettwer, 1.

Kayla Varble

Cari and Craig Varble of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 3:37 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Kayla Ann Varble; she weighed 5 pounds and 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Sally Levy of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Ed and Bev Varble of Granite City.

Kayla joins her brother, Kyle, 2.

Brandon Moore

Laura and Barry Moore of Collinsville are parents of a boy born at 11:43 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Brandon Nicholas Moore; he weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

The mother is the former Laura Taylor.

Maternal grandparents are Dwight Taylor and Jo Taylor of Collinsville.

Paternal grandparents are the late Roy and Ruth Moore of Fairview Heights.

Brandon joins his sister, Cara, 3, and brother, Barry Jr., 2.

Kevin Greathouse

Jennifer L. and Kevin E. Greathouse of Cottage Hills are the parents of a boy born at 10:42 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Kevin Tyler Greathouse; he weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces.

The mother is the former Jennifer Mrisin.

Maternal grandparents are Larry Mrisin of Alhambra and Eunice Simon of Staunton.

Paternal grandparents are Kenny and Peggy Greathouse of Cottage Hills.

Kevin joins his sister, Kristen Sue, 3.

Kyle Goldschmidt

Clady and Don Goldschmidt of Orlando Park, Ill., are the parents of a boy born at 7:37 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at South Suburban Hospital.

The infant has been named Kyle Douglas Goldschmidt; he weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces.

The mother is the former Cindy Cunningham.

Maternal grandparents are Doug and Peggy Cunningham of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Barb Goldschmidt of Granite City. Maternal great-grandparents are L.C. and Wilma Parker. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hayes of Florida.

Kyle joins his sister, Erica Lynn, 2.

Ashleigh Wonsil

Amy and Thomas Wonsil of Des Plaines, Ill., are parents of a girl born Friday, Jan. 22, at Lutheran Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill.

The infant has been named Ashleigh Marie Wonsil; she weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces.

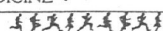
The mother is the former Amy Patterson of Granite City.

Maternal grandparents are James and Carol Patterson of Granite City.

The paternal grandparents are Tom and Jill Wonsil of Chicago.

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Under his direction, Ranken has been recognized as both an exceptional vocational training center and an accredited college. "Today's technology requires a student to be able to think and to analyze in addition to commanding strong technical skills," Ernst said.

Ranken was founded in 1967 as a technical school. Ernst added critical thinking courses to the curriculum, such as physics, math, sociology, composition, psychology, and the use of computers. His vision of a "thinking craftsman" was recognized when Ranken became the first institu-

tion of its type to be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, higher education's foremost accrediting body and the same organization which accredits schools such as Washington University, St. Louis University and the University of Missouri.

The school's dominance in trades has been proven with each graduating class. Over the past five years, 97 percent of its students have found jobs in the field for which they were trained.

Ernst said that it used to be difficult to accommodate all the students who applied to the college.

"In the past, we had waiting lists of accepted students," he said. "But recently we doubled

the size of several programs, including carpentry, to accommodate the industry's need and the young people who wanted to enroll. Even with the expansion, we are still experiencing a waiting list for our programs."

"The current enrollment is the highest in the school's history. More than 750 day students and in excess of 650 evening students are enrolled. The evening school is attended mainly by employed or experienced workers who are improving themselves by keeping current on the latest technology or learning a new skill."

"More than 100,000 highly trained craftsmen, tradesmen and technicians have been educated at Ranken in its 25-year history."

Holy Family announces 2nd quarter honor roll

Sister Mary Angelene, principal of Holy Family Catholic School, has announced the following honor roll for the second quarter of the 1992-93 year.

To qualify for the "A" honor roll, students in grades four through eight must have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

"B" honor roll students in grades four through eight must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. Students must also receive an "Outstanding" or "Very Good" in both conduct and effort for all subjects.

"A" honor roll members are: Jaime Dellbringe, Kiki Huff, Robert Lampitt, Laura Marzluft, Eric Mooshegan, Jeanie York, Mike Hellich, Katie Richardson,

Jaime Zimmerman, Lynda Delaney, Meleca Dickerman, Sarah Johnson, Simonaye Sands, Mike Angle, Bobby Bosslet, Amanda Brasfield, Kathleen Curtin, Geoff Edwards, Kelly Fortune, Casey Grieve, Lisa Gulash, Sara Hallbrook, Amy Pennell, Andy Ronk, Laura Wiessenborn, Sarah Carmody, Lisa Hayes, Aaron Holt, Kate Marzluft, Della Moore, Ashley Slover, Richie Carney, Jeffrey Jerden, Angela Kromraj, Tony Mell, Elizabeth Mushill, Michael Reagan, Katie Ronk, Sarah Turck, Jessica Wallace, Jessica Boyer, Lindsay Bulva, Erica Cavins, Zac Cochran, Jamie Gavilsky, Ben Hayes, Emily Kelahan, John Lusnic, Stacie

Marler, Patrick Meredith, Penny Meyer, Sara Myers, Jessica Oates, Elizabeth Przygoda, and Laura Range.

"B" honor roll members are: Della Bennett, Heather Mell, David Zellerman, Rosanna Gordon, Susan Baker, Greg Boyer, Meleca Brown, Chris Burdge, Michelle Gail, Zeb Moore, Craig Mooshegan, Camille Fensterman, Deirdre Godfrey, April Jordan, Josh Lee, Megan Melchior, Nathan Smith, Darois Taylor, Andrea Vasquez, Katie Vivod, Erin Boyer, Jessica Fondren, Michael Hopkins, Matt Pistorius, Elizabeth Rooney, Stephen Bledsoe, Ashley Burdge, Scott Carney, Andrew Craft, Scott Jansen, Sandy Miller, and Josh Reyes.

University of Illinois names fall semester dean's list

Dean's lists for the 1992 fall semester have been announced by 10 colleges and two other academic units at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Local students honored include:

CASEYVILLE — Teresa Burgess

COLLINSVILLE — Linda Antas, Jeffrey Block, Jennifer Chase, Candice Fornero, Jennifer Jawad, Ronald Lacy, Johnna McKenna, Mark Mokszycki, Tonya Parson, Julie Pfaff, Wendy Reutebuch and Ahad Sabat.

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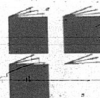
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Obituaries



William Chilcutt

William "Harold" Chilcutt, 83, of Granite City died at 5:08 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis, where he had been a patient for 10 days.

Born in Vidonia, La., on May 29, 1907, he had been a resident of Granite City for 45 years. He was employed for 41 years in the Blast Furnace Division of Granite City Steel, retiring in 1970.

A member of Trinity Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday school superintendent, he was secretary/treasurer of International Chemical Workers Local 90 and a member of the Greenville, Mo., Lions Club.

Survivors include three sons, Wallace Chilcutt, William H. Chilcutt Jr. and Robert Chilcutt, all of Granite City; a sister, Edith Carpenter of San Diego, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Golda P. Wallace Chilcutt, who died July 18, 1980, his parents, Edward and Cynthia Ann (King) Chilcutt, two brothers, Roy and Ben Chilcutt, and a sister, Ruth Morris.

Visitation was held Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3660 Maryville Road, Granite City. He was taken to Greenville, Mo., for services at 2 p.m. today at Ruegg Funeral Home, Greenville, with the Rev. Philip Coats officiating. Burial will be at Greenville City Cemetery.

Mae Hogue

Mae Neimeyer Hogue, 72, of Granite City died Thursday, March 11, 1993, at her residence. She had been ill for many years.

Born in Missouri on March 28, 1920, she had been a resident of Granite City for 40 years. She was a homemaker and was of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include three sons, Kevin Ladden and David Lamborn, both of Granite City, and Richard Lamborn of Groton, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Gladys Neimeyer; and a sister, Mary McNamara.

Arrangements are pending at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, 797-1009.

Charlie Monk

Charlie Floyd Monk, 54, of Madison died at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Born in Rison, Ark., on Sept. 18, 1938, he was a resident of the Metro East area for many years.

Survivors include two brothers, Harvey Monk of Albuquerque, N.M., and Benoit Monk of Eldorado, Ark.; and three sisters, Margie Monk of Eldorado, Dorothy Mae Corbin of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Ella Crochrell of Madison.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where services will be held at noon Monday. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Margaret Shockley

Margaret Elizabeth (Downs) Shockley, 63, of Cumberland City, Tenn., died Friday, March 12, 1993, at Clarksville Memorial Hospital, Clarksville, Tenn., after an extended illness.

Born in St. Louis County, Tenn., on Nov. 29, 1929, she was a retired store proprietor.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest Shockley Jr., two daughters, Sandra Short of Erin, Tenn., and Laura Mathis of Cumberland City; two brothers, John Downs of Dover, Tenn., two sisters, Peggy Phipps and Patricia Bible, both of Cumberland City; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Laura (Carter) Downs.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Anglin

Funeral Home, Dover, Tenn., where services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, with the Rev. Paul Sisson officiating. Burial will be at Downs Cemetery, Cumberland City.

Wanda Katzman

Wanda E. (Lyle) Katzman, 69, of Granite City, formerly of Wood River, died at 6:40 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 1993, at her residence. She had been ill for nine months.

Born in Mount Vernon, Ill., on April 14, 1923, she had been a resident of Granite City for 57 years.

She was employed by The Laundry Room automatic laundry in Granite City for 15 years. She was of the Lutheran faith and a member of the Fleet Reserve organization.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Hyde of Granite City; a brother, Wayne Lyle of Wood River; two sisters, Mary Lee Amburg of Wood River and Rosalie Wright of Wisconsin; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Katzman, whom she married in 1947, at Mitchell and who died Aug. 3, 1989; a son, John G. Katzman III, who died in 1983; her parents, Thomas and Larch (Garrett) Lyle, and a brother, Johnny Lyle. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Esther Circle holds meeting

Niedringhaus United Methodist Church's Esther Circle held its March meeting at the home of Eula Davis.

Leader Florence Stewart opened the meeting with prayer. Leona Bell read the Least of Us, "Out of the Hills and Streets." Florence Stewart gave the lesson, "Say It With Love. Living The Message In Your Neighborhood."

Those attending were Eula Davis, Karen Ambuehl, Shirley Lane, Grace Paddock, Norma Chesterman, Alice Bost, Florence Stewart, Leona Bell, Mary Rouland, Judith Lienceur, Ethel Lerch and Marcia Lienceur.

A general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 18 in the parlor of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Youth revival at New Hope opens Thursday

The New Hope Baptist Church, located at Illinois Route 3 and Maffitt, will hold a youth revival March 18-20, each night at 7.

Speakers are: March 18, David Tyler, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Granite City; March 19, Wayne Holland, Baptist Student Union of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; and March 20, Jeremy Cowin of Calvary Baptist Church of Granite City.

Following the services on March 19 will be fellowship in the church basement. There will be refreshments, Christian contemporary music by Jonathan Willis of West Frankfort, and testimonies from high school students.

On March 20, Ritch Kinde of Grace Baptist Church in Granite City will provide Christian contemporary music.

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From the past — Actress Lillian Gish signs autographs for fans during a visit to the Granite City area in 1969.

•Cleanup

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um and chromium that exceeded the maximum safe levels.

The pile is made up of scrap battery casings and slag from a former secondary smelter operated at the site.

The \$35 million cleanup plan, as it exists now, calls for the removal and disposal this month of alloy fill containing lead battery parts, removal of contaminated topsoil in a 55-block residential area of Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park later this year, placing the dirt on the existing lead pile, and capping the pile with fresh soil and sand.

"Until now, (U.S. EPA) Region V has insisted that the ground beneath the pile has been free of lead contamination," Costello said Wednesday in a letter to new U.S. EPA Administrator Carol Browner.

"However, tests released last week now show that there is significant lead contamination of the groundwater."

"This new information clearly indicates that, instead of capping the pile, U.S. EPA must develop another plan, amend its Record

of Decision and remove the pile from downtown Granite City," he concluded.

"It is extremely disturbing to me that, had no additional testing been conducted on the pile, U.S. EPA might have proceeded with its proposed cleanup plan, at great future risk to the community," Costello said in a letter to Region V Administrator Val Adams.

Adams also urged reconsideration of the plan.

Previous testing of groundwater from the wells had not shown any lead contamination, but the drastic change in the current results is apparently because of a flaw in the previous testing procedure and not because of a sudden increase in contamination, said Brad Bradley, U.S. EPA project manager for the site.

All the previous testing had used groundwater that had been filtered through a very small screen, Bradley said.

The current testing, as required by Illinois clean water regulations, used unfiltered groundwater.

Bradley said the water contamination poses no immediate danger to humans.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse said

that, had the city never challenged EPA's plan in the first place, the proposed cleanup plan would probably be under way "today — right now."

Cruse said the EPA "thought it was taking on a bunch of hicks — a little-bitty town where nobody knows anything."

He and Costello both said Alderman Craig Tarpoff has been instrumental in the city's challenge. Cruse praised Tarpoff for devoting "thousands of hours of work" to researching the matter.

"Placing yard wastes on the pile would only make this situation dramatically worse," Costello said in an interview Friday.

"These tests show that the pile itself is the greatest source of long-term danger to the community and its removal is essential."

He said the question of the pile, and what to do with it, must be dealt with before EPA decides what to do with residential topsoil.

Costello said he supports proceeding with the planned removal of the battery fill this month.

•Crunch

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plan is approved, anyway," Kostentcki said.

Board member Billie Bosworth said the financial crisis could have been avoided if the district had adopted a proposal last year to consolidate some elementary classrooms.

That proposal, which was soundly defeated by parental sentiment expressed at public hearings, would have called for all first- and second-grade students at Blair and Harris elementary schools to attend classes in one building and third-

and fourth-grade students to attend another building.

But Board President Ed Newsome said that proposal could never have worked.

"There's no way you're going to get a majority of people to vote to bus their kids. They'll vote for a (tax) raise before they'll vote to have their kids bused or to close a school," Newsome said.

"I'm not talking about consolidating now, that's over. I'm just saying we have to go back to the drawing board," Bosworth said.

Board member John Hamm said that the district should ask

the unions representing district employees for assistance.

"Now that we have this (letter), we should meet with the unions and tell them, 'Look, this is real,'" Hamm said.

Kostentcki said that, while being placed on certified status will create constraints for the district, it will also open up new avenues for assistance, and that the state board is interested not only in financial solvency, but also in maintaining quality programs.

He said that he does not expect the district to be unable to meet its payroll.

"But there is going to be some squeakers," he said.

•Holidays

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required to be included, Columbus and Pulaski, were not actually Americans.

Jackie Davis, a Princeton school district board member who testified on behalf of the legislation, contended that on those holidays, schoolchildren are "at home alone ordering pizza or playing video games or in the malls or video arcades, and they are not attending events honoring those people."

Committee member Rep. Al Salvati, R-Libertyville, endorsed the bill, "I'd like my kids to come to know as much about Martin Luther King Jr. as they

know about the Mario brothers (video game characters)," he said.

Rep. Judy Erwin, D-Chicago, said the large number of school holidays in Illinois, coupled with schedules of working mothers, "causes a great deal of anxiety in child care."

Opponents argued eliminating the school holidays would offend ethnic groups, African-Americans, Polish-Americans and Italian-Americans who had worked hard to pass legislation creating the holidays.

Rep. Lovana Jones, D-Chicago, was particularly angry about the bill including King and objected to King being lumped in with "people who have been dead for

200 or 300 years."

Cowlishaw also intended to exclude George Washington's birthday until she learned that children do not get that day off.

To get the needed votes to move the bill out of committee, Cowlishaw agreed to consider changing a part of the bill that would eliminate the King, Pulaski, Columbus and Washington holidays for state employees.

Committee chairman Rep. Michael Curran, D-Springfield, noted the holidays were included in a contract negotiated with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, which represents the majority of state workers and has more than two years to run.

— from the Alton Telegraph

•Transplant

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nutrition during the day, she said.

"We're pretty much stuck at home here because his immune system doesn't function properly, necessitating the medication," she said.

"It's cold season now, so we really don't get out too much," Moore said.

"But I don't keep him locked up all the time."

The biggest obstacle for the family now is financial. The transplant operation alone cost \$300,000.

Add to that the cost of a 52-day hospital stay, including two

weeks in the intensive care unit, plus the cost of drugs, and the bill is formidable.

Several fund-raising efforts have been started. Dances have been held, collection canisters have been placed at area businesses, and a trust fund has been established.

Another benefit dance is scheduled for March 20 at the Moose Hall in Granite City. Lois Moore at 651-1374 can be called for ticket information.

Donations to the trust fund can be made to the Ronnie Scott Baker Liver Transplant Fund, in care of Central Bank, 2400 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040.

•Hearing

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compromised if a transcript of such proceedings is disseminated to the general public" and that sealing the transcript is "necessary to protect the public's interest."

Ed Fitzhenry, the board's attorney, said the current request is designed to keep the transcript from becoming part of the public record of the judicial

proceeding.

Because, he said, the transcript is "pretty much the whole case," if the board's motion is granted "it is likely that much of the (judicial review) hearing will be closed as well."

Asked about the board's motion, Rutnick said last week, "I wish I could comment on the case, but I could tell you what I think, but the Supreme Court rules prohibit it."

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Bubblemasters elect Yates as chief again

Ron Yates was elected chief of BURT (Bubblemasters Underwater Recovery Team) at the recent bi-annual election meeting held in Granite City. Yates, from Granite City, will be serving his second two-year term as chief.

Elected to serve with Yates were: Vance Weiss, captain; Julie Yates, secretary; Paula Weiss, treasurer; Joel West, Jim Cline and Marjorie Crockarell, lieutenants; Bruce Ullman, safe-

ty and training officer; and Paul Foster, building manager and chairman of the Building Committee.

BURT is an all-volunteer organization that provides underwater search and recovery services, free of charge, in the Madison County area. In addition to providing search and recovery operations, the organization also provides informational seminars on hypothermia.

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Madison County Fireman's Association, working with local fire departments, law enforcement agencies and Granite City emergency services and disaster agencies.

BURT conducts both training and recoveries in the Mississippi River, the canal and local ponds and lakes. Divers are skilled in all aspects of dark water diving.

Persons interested in additional information, training seminars or public speakers may contact Ron Yates at 876-5676.

Travelers Abroad hear from exchange student

Travelers Abroad held its February dinner meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, with 16 members and three guests present.

The door prize, provided by Jerry's, was received by two members, Donna Delay and Mathilde Tommier.

Alice Purdes, president, introduced the evening's speaker, Mathilde, who is a 17-year-old Rotary exchange student from France now attending Granite City High School. She has been in Granite City for six months and will have lived with three different families before she leaves in June.

Mathilde is from Brioude, a city of 10,000 that is located about five hours southeast of Paris. It is noted for its aluminum production. This is the Central District of France and has many mountains and inactive volcanoes. It receives three to four feet of snow every winter.

Mathilde narrated a slide presentation featuring Paris and some country scenes. The Louvre Museum was shown with both the old and the new pyramid buildings being exhibited. Other scenes showed the Eiffel

Tower, over 1,000 feet tall, which was dedicated in 1889.

Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe, from the 18th century, and the Les Invalides, where Napoleon is buried under the highest dome in Paris, were also shown. Several slides showed the Cathedral of Notre Dame, which was started in 1163 and finished 100 years later.

Scenes taken from the Seine River and the open-air markets, which feature food, clothes, and fabrics, were viewed. Other slides showed the Moulin Rouge, the Opera House, and the Soldier's Hospital built by Louis XIV. Some slides showed a farm museum including a typical two-room farm house in which the beds resembled shelves hidden behind doors, and the necessary

fields and animals to make the farm completely self-sufficient.

When questioned, Mathilde said she had not been surprised by American food and customs. Since it was required that she study English for four years, she did not have any problem communicating.

The other guest present was Michael Patton, a Granite City sophomore who is moving to Fontainebleau, France, later this spring. Additional members present were Dorothy and Waldo Frohardt, Martha and Jimmy Hayes, Dorothy Hoedebeck, Marguerite Lexow, Helen Lilly, Marge O'Neill, Eleanor and Charles Schweizer, Nora King, Betty Townsend, Mildred King and Barbara Williams.

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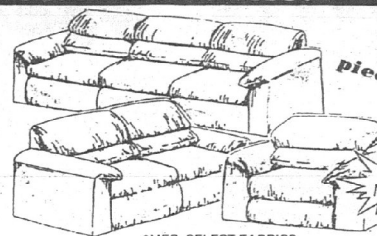
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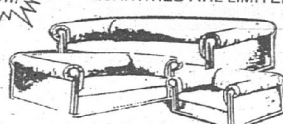


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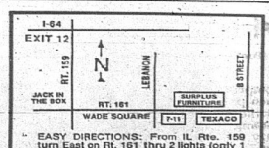
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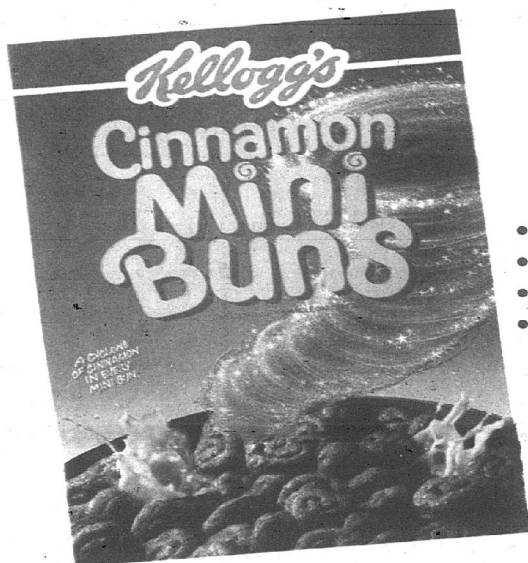
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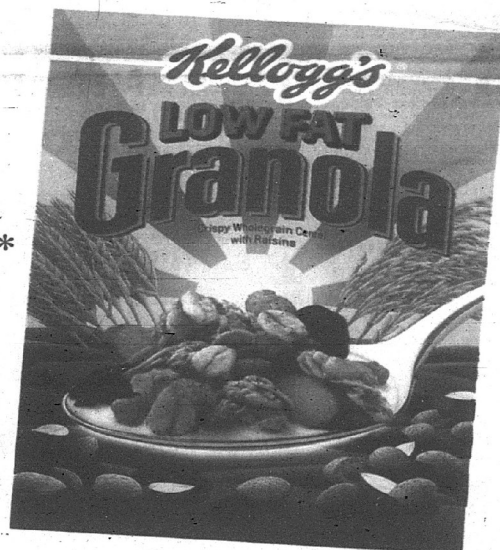


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Granite Bowl youths collect 'Super' awards

Five youth bowlers from Granite Bowl recently received "Super" awards from the Quad-Cities Association for rolling 100 pins over average during league play.

Mike Noble, competing in the Junior Major League, rolled 109 pins over average for a 300 game.

Jason West, competing in the Big Guy Little Guy League, rolled 104 pins over average for a 279 game.

David Moore, competing in the Big Guy Little Guy League, rolled 110 pins over average for a 269 game.

Keith Hendricks, competing in the Big Guy Little Guy League,

Each youth bowler received a 100 pins over average emblem and a plaque from the Quad-Cities Association.

Team Leaders

Offense				Defense			
Team (Record)	Pts	Avg		Team (Record)	Pts	Avg	
Metro East Lutheran (12-12)	1307	63.50		Bellville East (10-16)	1043	57.39	
Bellville West (10-16)	1206	58.44		Metro East Lutheran (12-12)	1055	52.92	
Bellville East (8-10)	1014	56.33		Mack (10-25)	1717	66.68	
Mack (10-25)	1223	48.92					

Rebounds				Steals			
Team (Record)	Reb	Avg		Team (Record)	Stl	Avg	
Garetth Johnson, Bellville East	146	8.11		Bohnet, M. Lutheran	78	7.8	
Nathan Vineyard, Bellville East	122	7.69		Jermaine Perkins, Bellville East	39	3.9	
James Brewer, Bellville West	122	7.63		Schiele, M. Lutheran	28	2.8	
Jermaine Perkins, Bellville East	132	7.33		Capstick, M. Lutheran	33	3.3	
Sprengel, M. Lutheran	161	7.32		Dennis Howe, M. Lutheran	32	3.2	
Garrett Johnson, Bellville East	140	7.00		Matt Craig, M. Lutheran	24	2.4	
Emile Harris, Bellville East	124	6.89		Nathan Grodson, Bellville East	18	1.8	
Maurice Johnson, Bellville West	93	5.81					
Alward, M. Lutheran	114	5.18					
Nathan Grodson, M. Lutheran	103	4.29					

Three-Point Field Goals			
Player, School	Pts	Avg	
Sean Keefe, Bellville West	41	2.5	
Robb Hill, Bellville East	33	3.3	
Alward, M. Lutheran	30	3.0	
James Gipson, M. Lutheran	13	1.3	
Dennis Howe, M. Lutheran	24	2.4	
Emile Harris, Bellville East	16	1.6	
Emile Harris, Bellville East	16	1.6	
Sprengel, M. Lutheran	9	0.9	
Capstick, M. Lutheran	9	0.9	

Blocks			
Player, School	Bls	Avg	
Kassing, M. Lutheran	18	1.8	
Alward, M. Lutheran	16	1.6	
Nathan, M. Lutheran	16	1.6	
Travis Beam, M. Lutheran	6	0.6	
Capstick, M. Lutheran	6	0.6	

Girls basketball

Team Leaders

Team Leaders				Road, Triad		Rebounds		Blocks		Three-Point Field Goals	
Offense		Pts	Arg	Player, School		Reb	Arg	Player, School		3pt	Arg
Team (Record)											
Triad (19-6)		1430	57.56	Jodie Neufbauer, ME/Lutheran	305	12.71		Jennifer Herbets, Collinsville	54	2.2	
Freeburg (17-8)		1413	56.22	Beth Voeltinger, Althoff	109	10.56		Mickel, O'Fallon	54	2.2	
Althoff (12-18)		1300	55.00	S. Diecker, Freeburg	233	9.71		Robbin Weir, Collinsville	54	2.2	
O'Fallon (10-14)		1252	52.17	Mickel, O'Fallon	214	9.30		Sergott, O'Fallon	48	2.0	
Metro East/Lutheran (16-6)		1164	48.50	Tamika Hardin, Belleville West	184	8.91		K. Buss, Freeburg	48	2.0	
Belleville West (10-13)		1081	47.00	M. Sheppard, Freeburg	256	8.64		Chatham, O'Fallon	40	1.7	
		1019	46.32	H. Braswell, Triad	182	8.28		Hodges, Triad	40	1.7	
Team (Record)											
Metro East/Lutheran (16-8)		965	40.21	K. Buss, Freeburg	170	6.80		Am. Antopoloski, Belleville W.	38	1.6	
Collinsville (12-11)		1064	46.22	Kelly Friedrich, Althoff	131	5.55		Jennifer Benson, Collinsville	38	1.6	
Freeburg (17-8)		1126	46.60	Amanda Kober, ME/Lutheran	143	6.82		Sarah Hennah, ME/Collinsville	38	1.6	
Belleville West (10-13)		1253	50.12	Ackerman, Triad	144	5.96		S. Diecker, Freeburg	38	1.6	
Althoff (12-11)		1109	50.41	Sergott, O'Fallon	141	5.88		Alison McQuaid, Belleville West	32	1.6	
O'Fallon (10-14)		1299	54.13	Nikki Corbin, Belleville West	126	5.73					
				Krista Esaker, Collinsville	131	5.70					
				S. Diecker, Belleville West	108	5.19					
				Tracee Jones, Althoff	83	4.88					
				Kara Konton, ME/Lutheran	117	5.38					
				Sarah Engleke, ME/Lutheran	91	4.55					
Individual Leaders											
Points		Pts	Arg	Player, School		Assists	Arg	Player, School		3pt	Arg
Amanda Kober, ME/Lutheran		430	18.70	Hodges, Triad		168	7.57	Tracee Jones, Althoff	10	0.0	
Ackerman, Triad		383	16.96	Alison McQuaid, Belleville West		109	5.92	Jennifer Benson, Collinsville	10	0.0	
Jodie Neufbauer, ME/Lutheran		383	15.96	Jill Gornic, Althoff		90	4.54	Hodges, Triad	10	0.0	
Looms, Triad		381	15.5	Amanda Kober, ME/Lutheran		101	4.39	Jamie Rue, Collinsville	10	0.0	
Metro East/Lutheran		349	15.17	Jennifer Herbets, Collinsville		86	4.70				
Tracee Jones, Althoff		248	14.59	Am. Antopoloski, Belleville W.		77	3.50				
Jill Gornic, Althoff		245	12.80	D. Gary, Freeburg		31	3.24				
S. Diecker, Freeburg		230	12.63	Tracee Jones, Althoff		31	3.24				
M. Sheppard, Freeburg		295	11.80	T. Junger, Freeburg		27	3.08				
S. Diecker, Belleville West		295	11.80	Snowden, O'Fallon		27	3.08				
Robbin Walter, Collinsville		245	10.65	Kara Konton, ME/Lutheran		58	4.42				
Beth Voeltinger, Althoff		210	10.63	Reno, O'Fallon		50	3.38				
Belleville West, Belleville West		210	9.88	Tammy Gray, Althoff		43	2.26				
Kelly Friedrich, Althoff		198	9.40	Dawn O'Conner, Belleville West		43	2.26				
Jennifer Benson, Collinsville		214	9.30	Chatham, O'Fallon		46	2.19				
Snowden, O'Fallon		199	9.13	Becker, Triad		52	2.08				
Krista Esaker, Collinsville		199	9.00								
H. Braswell, Triad		197	7.88								
Sergott, O'Fallon		196	7.82	Player, School		Sits	Arg				
Althoff (12-18)		160	7.62	Am. Antopoloski, ME/Lutheran		10	0.0				

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Hinterster

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leagues in 1969. At the same time, he played in the Men's B league.

But Hinterster's playing days did not last long. When his third son, Todd, came along, Hinterster had three different boys to watch and coach. Chris became a goalie, and Andy and Todd played as defenses.

Hinterster also coached soccer and little league baseball. He coached the Mercer's Little League team for 10 years.

"We were definitely a sports-oriented family," said Judy Hinterster, Jake's wife. "I always kept the uniforms clean and dinner on the table. Jake was in it for the kids."

And not just his own. Over the years, Hinterster became a strong supporter of sports in the community and worked on seeing to it that hockey would have a permanent voice in Granite City.

Hinterster served as president of the Granite City Amateur Hockey Association for five years, from 1972-77. During the same period, he also served as vice president and president of the Granite City Park District board.

In 1978, Hinterster helped found the high school team. At the same time, he became involved with hockey in St. Louis and served as the Missouri Amateur Board commissioner.

Hinterster coached youth hockey in Granite City for 11 years. He has done the same in Affton for the past nine years. So when Warrior hockey coach Gary

Henson stepped aside two years ago after nine years with the team, Hinterster was the natural choice to succeed.

"We knew we wanted Jake to coach," said Kathy Goclan, the Granite City high school coordinator. "All of the parents were grateful he accepted."

After guiding the team to an 18-1 record last year, Hinterster took the Warriors to the Mid-State American Conference title.

Goclan said she could not be happier. Her son, Chris, led the team in scoring this year.

"The parents are happy, and the kids are happy," Kathy Goclan said. "Jake's done a marvelous job with it. He has coached a lot of talented children, and he knows how to get the best out of the kids. Jake just knows talent."

"He knows their assets and weaknesses, and he is just a terrific motivator. The kids will accept his criticism. They don't take offense. That's what is great."

Many say that Hinterster treats his players as if they are family. He often goes out of his way to make sure the players are doing well off the ice.

When several Granite City players struggled with their classwork this season, Hinterster did everything possible to help them get through it. CBC's Oster said with Hinterster, the main subject is not always hockey.

"We had a lot of fun playing for Jake, but we learned a lot at the same time," Oster said. "He taught us a lot about life, too."

Hinterster's son Todd, one of the top players to ever come

through the Granite City program, said his father's popularity stems from the way he treats his players.

Todd Hinterster served as an assistant coach on last year's team. He still works as a referee.

"Everyone used to say to me, 'I wish I could have played for your Dad,'" Todd Hinterster said. "It's great to see the kids play hard for him. He's always been in it for the kids. A lot of people don't know when the rink opened, and he was there when it started."

"He no longer has any kids playing, and he could have very easily gotten out of it. But every time he talks about getting out, he gets a flood of calls from kids he used to coach or kids who want to play for him."

"This year, he's gotten Granite City some recognition." The Warriors went 21-2-3 this season and finished with a 21-game unbeaten streak. They completed their title run March 1 with a 3-1 win over St. Mary's at The Arch.

But hockey season is not over yet for Hinterster. His Affton Pee-Wee team begins its next round March 20.

"He's had a terrific year," Judy Hinterster said. "But there have been so many teams over the years, it's hard to say which one was the best."

"It seems like he never has just one standout player, he always has a team. At the beginning of the season, he says they don't have much. But the team is always winning by the end of the year."

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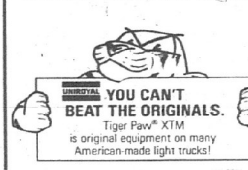
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Seniors

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stopper on defense. Wellmaker was usually assigned to guard the opposing team's best offensive player. His best defensive effort came against Lebanon in the Wesclin Regional title game, when he held Allen Berry to 24 points. Berry led the area in scoring this year with an average of 27 points per game.

"Wellmaker was our best defensive player," Harris said. "We liked to let him sit on the bench to see what was going on. Then he could come off the bench and check the other team's best player. He could really take over."

Porter, Venice's shooting guard, earned a starting spot when Richard Jones was declared academically ineligible for the second semester. Porter made the most of the opportunity.

Porter hit several key 3-point baskets in Venice's regional wins.

"When Richard went out, Orlando picked up the slack," Harris said. "He probably shot better than we thought he would. He gave us a spark."

Harris said the three seniors would be replaced by underclassmen. Venice will return three starters: Jermaine Ware, Brandon Burnett and Wilbert Glasper.

The program's future looks bright, considering the Venice Junior High eighth-grade team's recent third-place showing at the state tournament.

"Hopefully, someone off our eighth-grade team can step forward," Harris said.

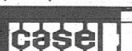
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SPORTS

•Devils

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"They really shocked me," Harris said. "But after that first game, I thought we could win it. 'Anybody could have won it. The teams were so balanced. I think the reason we won was we played the best defense.'"

Venice held Althoff's two lead-line scorers, Matt Fitzsimmons and Curt Poppe, to 19 and 10 points respectively. Against Lebanon, guard James Wellmaker helped contain standout Allen Berry to 24 points—three below his area-high average of 27.

But Venice's season came to a close the following week at the Vandallia Sectional, where the Red Devils lost 57-50 to Litchfield.

The key to the game was a 20-7 run by Litchfield in the third quarter. The Red Devils also missed the services of shooting guard Orlando Porter, who fouled out early in the fourth quarter.

"I felt we should have won that game," Harris said. "It hurt when we lost Porter. He was about to get hot."

Instead, Porter had to leave the court, upsetting Venice's delicate chemistry. The Red Devils went just six or seven players deep in their four postseason games.

Wiley, Porter and off-guard Wilbert Glasser formed the backcourt, while the inside combination of Jermaine Ware and Brandon Burnett supplied most of the offense.

Wellmaker came off the bench as a sixth man, and reserve players Antwon Griggs and Darren Terrell also saw action.

What might have hurt Venice down the stretch as well as throughout the season was its lack of height. The Red Devils lost 67-center Marcus Franklin

to graduation last year and replaced him with Ware (6-4) and Burnett (6-2).

"If Jeremiah or Brandon got in foul trouble, we didn't have anyone to pick up the slack," Harris said. "I knew that would hurt us."

"We had a real small team this year. We used our quickness against most of our opponents. The experience gained by Ware and Burnett this season will pay off next year. We're improved noticeably in just his second year of competitive basketball."

Ware took over as the Devils' leading scorer late in the year. For most of the season, Burnett was Venice's offensive leader.

"I thought Ware did a really good job as far as improving. Harris said. "He just started off shaky at the beginning."

So did the rest of the team. The Red Devils went 0-3 before playing their first game at home and beating Duplo.

The same week, Venice played Summit at home and came away with a victory over one of the more talented teams from St. Louis. At that point in the year, the Red Devils looked as if they had a chance at winning 20 games.

"I thought it was going to take off from there, but we went into one of our slumps," Harris said. "Our offense wasn't clicking."

The defense, to Harris' disappointment, was also lacking. The Red Devils dropped three of their next five games, including a home game in late January against Alton. The Red Devils surrendered 93 points during their home court to the Redbirds.

But the Red Devils put the

regular season behind them and captured one of the toughest regional in the state. The team now looks to next year and the prospect of returning three starters.

Ware and Burnett will both be back, which gives the Red Devils a solid inside game. Replacing Wiley, Porter and Wellmaker, however, could be tough. The only returning guard will be Glasper.

"He's going to have to work real hard over the summer," Harris said. "He and our other players will be going to camps."

"We worked on our big men this year, because we had depth at guard. Next year, it'll be the other way around."

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Wednesday - Breakfast: Manager's choice; lunch: Manager's choice.
Thursday - Breakfast: Pancake roll-ups; lunch: Turkey with dressing, whipped potatoes, green peas, sliced peaches.
Friday - Breakfast: Cereal, fresh fruit; lunch: Fish sandwich on bun, mixed vegetable, fresh fruit.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Hot dog on bun, french fries, peaches.
Tuesday - Breakfast: Waffles, juice; lunch: Meat loaf, whipped potatoes with gravy, corn, pudding.
Wednesday - Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, juice; lunch: Rotini and meat sauce, tossed salad, fruit gelatin.
Thursday - Breakfast: Doughnut, juice; lunch: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce.
Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice; lunch: Nachos and cheese, peanut butter sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, cherry crisp.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Breakfast: Johnny marzetti bake, green beans, cling peaches.
Tuesday - Breakfast: Beef stew, beets, corn bread, homemade cookies.
Wednesday - Breakfast: Ham salad sandwich, french fries, green peas.
Thursday - Breakfast: Turkey with dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, cake with butter icing.
Friday - Breakfast: Tuna salad, peas and carrots, jello.

Holy Family

Monday - Breakfast: Ravioli with meat sauce, cheese chunk salad, corn, graham cracker cookie.
Tuesday - Breakfast: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, slaw, fruit.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Beef and gravy, rice or noodles, peas, carrot and celery sticks, lime jello.
Thursday - Breakfast: Macaroni and meat sauce, cheese chunks, salad, mixed vegetables, apple crisp.
Friday - Breakfast: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, stuffed celery, pudding.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Breakfast: Ravioli with meat sauce, corn, diced pears. **Tuesday - Breakfast:** Hamburger on bun, later tobs, green beans, peanut butter candy.
Wednesday - Breakfast: St. Patrick's Day pizza pockets, corn, apple crisp.
Thursday - Breakfast: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello and mixed fruit cup.
Friday - Breakfast: Vegetable soup and crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, cupcake.

Head Start

Monday - Breakfast: Orange juice, bagelette, cream cheese; lunch: Barbecued beef, baked beans, citrus salad; snack: Raisins and celery, peanut butter, orange juice.
Tuesday - Breakfast: Grape juice, raisin bread, hard-boiled egg; lunch: Ravioli (beef), tossed salad with dressing, fruit cocktail; snack: Cheerios.
Wednesday - Breakfast: Orange segments, pancake with syrup; lunch: Cold ham slice, sweet potatoes, cinnamon fried apples; snack: Pineapple/orange juice, corn bread.
Thursday - Breakfast: Banana slice, Cheerios; lunch: Turkey frank on bun with mustard and ketchup, tomato, carrots and celery; snack: Orange segments, bread stick.

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Food will be given out to Granite City Township residents at the Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., beginning at 8 a.m.

Chouteau Township officials and senior citizens will be handing out surplus government food at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 N. Thorngate Drive in Mitchell, at 8 a.m.

Commodities will be distributed by Venice Township at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison, starting at 8 a.m.

All will be distributing corn, meal, butter, flour, peanut butter, pork, green beans, raisins, rice and orange juice.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

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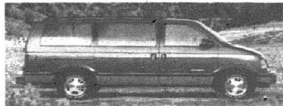
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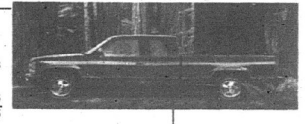
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Seafood selection catches glimpse of spring

By Barb Gray
Certified home economist

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When cooking fish and seafood in the microwave, the No. 1 rule is to avoid overcooking. Fish and seafood that are high in moisture content require a very short cooking time. Generally, fish and seafood cooks in four to six minutes per pound. For even faster cooking and to retain moisture, cover with a lid or plastic wrap.

When cooking a whole fish, turn at least once during cooking. To test whether fish is cooked, use a fork to see whether it flakes easily. Shellfish is cooked when the meat appears opaque and the shell turns pink.

When arranging fish in a casserole, place the thickest part of steaks or filets at outer edges of container. Overlap thin edges of fish for uniform cooking.

Now get ready to include a microwave fish or seafood dish in this week's menus.

Add orange peel to flavor snack for after school

The demand of packing lunches, keeping on hand after-school snacks and providing entertainment for extra activities keeps busy schedules packed with requirements for easy, quick foods that appeal to all age groups.

These banana bars, flavored with a generous amount of grated orange peel and topped with orange-flavored frosting, are easy to make. They are a Saturday morning project for parents and children to enjoy together. They come out of the oven moist and flavorful — and stay that way until it is time to eat them.

To have bananas on hand in the form favored by the family, try to buy an assortment by ripeness. Green-tipped bananas ripen over a few days at room temperature. Full yellow ones can be eaten now.

Extra-ripe bananas with speckled peel are the sweeter for baking and often are bargain-priced. If the cook is not ready to bake with them right away, peel and wrap the fruit in plastic wrap, or mesh and put in airtight containers, to freeze for use on baking day.

Orange banana bars
1 extra-ripe, large banana, puréed
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
Grated peel from 1 orange
Orange Frosting
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 8-inch square cake pan.
Combine flour, baking soda and salt.
Beat margarine with sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg.
Beat in flour mixture alternately with puréed banana. Fold in nuts and 2 teaspoons orange peel.
Turn batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 30 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan.
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Oysters Rockefeller
2 cans (8 oz. each) oysters, drained
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen creamed spinach, thawed
2 tbsp. dry sherry
1 tsp. finely chopped onion
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. pepper sauce
1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese, divided

Place 5 oysters in each shell dish. With toothpick, pierce each oyster several times.
In bowl, combine creamed spinach, sherry, onion, Worcestershire sauce, nutmeg, and pepper sauce. Spoon over oysters.
In glass pie plate, melt margarine 30 seconds at medium (50 percent) power. Toss with bread crumbs. Sprinkle over spinach mixture. Top with 1 tablespoon cheese.

Arrange 4 shells on plate. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high power 3 to 4 minutes. Let stand, covered, 3 minutes. Repeat.

procedure with remaining shells. Makes 8 servings.

Barbecued shrimp
1 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. mustard
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 cup chopped green onion
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 tsp. wine vinegar
1/2 cup ketchup
2 lb. shrimp, peeled

In 3-quart casserole, mix together onion, mustard, salt, cayenne, green onion, brown sugar, wine, Worcestershire sauce, celery, vinegar and ketchup. Microwave, covered, with waxed paper, on high 15 minutes, stirring twice.
Add shrimp. Microwave, covered, on high power 10 minutes, stirring once.

Makes 4 servings.

Fish in butter sauce
1 lb. white fish filets, such as

trout, catfish or flounder
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green onion
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 tsp. cooking wine
1/2 drops Worcestershire sauce

In casserole dish, microwave butter, onion and green onion, uncovered, on high power 3 minutes.

Season fish with salt and pepper. Place in onion mixture in casserole. Avoid overlapping fish. Add lemon juice, parsley, wine and Worcestershire sauce. Microwave on high power, covered, 5 minutes. Continue microwaving, covered, on medium-high (70 percent) power 2 to 3 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Fish is done when it can be flaked with fork.

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